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Mr. Peter D. Robertson
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1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-R10-2014-002963

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 27, 2014, in which you requested correspondence regarding the Pebble Mine project between certain EPA employees and individuals or entities outside of EPA.

EPA has provided you with documents responsive to your request. I understand that you had a conversation with Elizabeth McKenna in EPA's Office of Regional Counsel and agreed to an extension of time to complete the EPA's response to your request. Ms. McKenna will be contacting you to discuss a realistic time frame in which to provide the remaining documents.

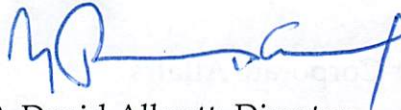
This interim response is to inform you that responsive records have been uploaded and are available to you on your FOIA online account. Portions of some of the documents have been redacted because they are exempt from disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. § 522(b)(6). This exemption allows EPA to withhold personal information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clear unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

When EPA issues a final response it will identify any documents that are withheld. Your rights to appeal the withholding of any information that you requested will be explained in our final response letter.

If you have any questions regarding this interim FOIA response, please contact Elizabeth McKenna, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (206) 553- 0016 or by email at

mckenna.elizabeth@epa.gov. This is an EPA Region 10 interim response to FOIA request number EPA-R10-2014-002963.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. David Allnutt".

R. David Allnutt, Director
Office of Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs